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NATIVE AMERICAN LIBRARY SERVICES GRANTS

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- Identify, develop and support new public-school teachers as they enter the profession
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Eligibility: Have current 501(c) (3) Public Charity status from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), be a government entity, or be an IRS-recognized tribe. It may not be a private foundation as defined in Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Award Amount: Dependent on the scope of the project

Requirements: Because our funding decisions are shaped by this process, we do not accept unsolicited proposals. If, after reviewing our program areas, you believe your organization is aligned with our giving, please utilize the contact information page to make your inquiry.

States: Serve populations of the Pacific Northwest states; Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, or Washington.

Application Opens: Year round

<http://www.pgafoundations.com/TemplateMain.aspx?contentId=19>

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HEALTH / SPORTS GRANTS

NIKE EMPLOYEE GRANT FUND

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Eligibility: Nonprofits

Award Amount: The minimum grant will be \$5,000 and the maximum amount will not exceed \$20,000. Grant periods will be one year or less. The largest grants will be reserved for those with the greatest strategic impact.

Requirements: The program's four funding priorities are environment, education, inclusion and health. Within each funding priority are goals that include physical activity as a key element and goals that do not include physical activity. Program resources will be spent roughly as follows: 80 percent for projects that respond to community problems through the lens of sport/physical activity and 20 percent for projects with the potential for a broader, long-term impact on the health and well-being of children and families.

States: Oregon and Washington. Proposals will be accepted from nonprofits in the Portland-metro area, specifically Multnomah, Clackamas, Washington, Yamhill and Columbia counties in Oregon, plus Clark County, Washington.

Application Deadline: Deadline of 5 p.m. on June 1 for a board decision in September and a deadline of 5 p.m. on December 1 for a board decision in March. <http://www.oregoncf.org/receive/grants/grant-opportunities/nike/nike-default>

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ENTERGY MICRO GRANT

Description: The Entergy Charitable Foundation (ECF) is a private foundation dedicated to supporting charitable organizations in the diverse communities where Entergy customers and employees live and work. The Foundation's goal is to support initiatives that help create and sustain thriving communities. ECF has a special focus on low-income initiatives, environmental initiatives and educational and literacy programs.

Eligibility: Schools, hospitals, governmental units and religious institutions that hold nonprofit status similar to that of 501(c)(3) organizations, which may therefore be eligible.

Award Amount: Micro Grants are designed for requests of \$1,000 or less, but they feature a shorter application form and a streamlined review process.

Requirements: Please make sure to submit your application at least three months prior to the time the requested funds are needed. We receive many applications throughout the year, and we need to allow sufficient time to review each request carefully. Once you have submitted your application online, please allow at least 6 (six) to 8 (eight) weeks for review and notification of the result of your request.

States: In considering requests for grants, priority is placed on programs in specific counties/parishes. Please check the following links to determine if your project is located in an area where Entergy has operations: Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Texas and Vermont.

Application Deadlines: Micro Grant applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

http://www.entergy.com/our_community/micro_grant_guidelines.aspx

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AETNA FOUNDATION

Description: The Aetna Foundation is dedicated to promoting wellness, health and access to high-quality health care for everyone, while supporting the communities we serve. To improve the quality and delivery of health services to everyone, and to drive improved health status for the American public, the health care system must be repaired. The Aetna Foundation seeks national and regional partners with the vision to make these goals a reality.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations with evidence of IRS 501(c) (3) designation or de facto tax exempt status. You need your tax identification number to enter the online application system. Applications are limited to certain states/cities. See below.

Award Amount: Regional grant awards generally will be \$25,000 to \$50,000 including 15% for indirect costs. Regional grant requests may not exceed \$50,000. Project timelines should generally not exceed one year in length.

Requirements: Proposals will be reviewed by Aetna Foundation staff and as determined by the Aetna Foundation, a selection committee composed of Aetna representatives and/or external subject matter experts. Award notification generally will be made within 150 days of application cycle close and by e-mail. Due to the large volume of requests we receive, we are unable to provide feedback on applications.

States/Cities:

- Arizona (Phoenix)
- California (Los Angeles)
- Connecticut (statewide)
- Florida (Miami)
- Georgia (Atlanta)
- Illinois (Chicago)
- Maryland (Baltimore and D.C. areas)
- New Jersey (statewide)
- New York (New York City)
- Pennsylvania (Philadelphia)
- Texas (Dallas, Houston, Austin, San Antonio)

While we are particularly interested in the locations noted above, we will consider applications outside of these locations. Applicants should select the geographic focus of their proposal.

Application Deadline: Applications are accepted in quarterly cycles with deadlines of February 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15.

<http://www.aetna-foundation.org/foundation/apply-for-a-grant/grantseeker-information/application-review-process.html>

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Helpful Hint

Have you ever thought about applying for a health grant to purchase Playaway® Digital Audiobooks? Listening to books while exercising can accomplish two goals; weight loss and improving reading skills. To support your grant application, you could include information about the First Lady's personal initiative, 'Let's Read, Let's Move'. First Lady, Federal Agencies Launch Summer Initiative to Curb Childhood Obesity and Reading Loss

<http://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/first-lady-federal-agencies-launch-summerinitiative-curb-childhood-obesity-and>

MICHAEL AND SUSAN DELL

Description: In the U.S. we are working to close the achievement gap by supporting programs to improve large urban school districts in cities nationwide. We strongly emphasize the use of performance management, an approach that fosters a culture dedicated to accountability and collaboration and uses technology to gather, analyze and report information. We believe student performance can be improved by giving administrators and teachers access to timely, relevant insights they can use to make decisions, predict performance levels and graduation rates and change the course of students at risk. MSDF seeks to fund projects that directly serve or impact children in five essential focus areas: education, health, safety, youth development and early childhood care.

Eligibility: Before starting an Online Grant Proposal you will be asked a series of brief questions about your organization and proposed project. The questions have been designed to determine if your organization and project meet basic eligibility requirements for Michael & Susan Dell Foundation funding. Answering the eligibility requirements questions should take less than five minutes.

Award Amounts: Michael & Susan Dell Foundation have approved grants ranging from \$500 to several million dollars. As a guideline, the foundation generally will not fund more than 25% of a project's budget or more than 10% of an organization's total annual operating expenses.

Requirements: Foundation staff will review the Online Grant Proposal and respond via email within six weeks. If we find the proposed project to be aligned with the mission of the foundation, you will be asked to complete a formal Grant Application for funding.

States: All

Application Opens: Year round

http://www.msdf.org/Grants/Grant_Application/default.aspx

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CVS CAREMARK COMMUNITY GRANTS

Description: The CVS Caremark Community Grants program awards funds to nonprofit organizations for programs targeting children with disabilities, programs focusing on health and rehabilitation services, public schools promoting a greater level of inclusion in student activities and extracurricular programs **and** initiatives that give greater access to physical movement and play. We are devoted to supporting organizations that enrich the lives of children with disabilities through inclusive programs. Through our Community Grants Program we work to ensure that students are not left behind in school. Proposed programs must be fully inclusive where children with disabilities are full participants in an early childhood, adolescent or teenage program alongside their typically developing peers.

Eligibility: K-12 Public Schools

Award Amount: Maximum \$5,000

Requirements:

- All nonprofit organizations applying for a Community Grant for this type of program ARE REQUIRED to provide their EIN number before they can begin the eligibility quiz.
- A CVS/pharmacy store must be located within the state where your community organization resides. All CVS Caremark Community Grant Applications must be submitted online.
- If you are chosen to receive a grant, we request that grantees post volunteer opportunities on our Website so that local associates can participate in your volunteer projects.
- Once you pass our pre-screening process and complete the application/proposal form, you can expect an email response within four to six weeks, whether or not your program has been chosen for funding.
- Please do not call or email us during the review process, as we will be unable to provide any additional information or status.

States: All. A CVS/pharmacy store must be located within the state where your community organization resides.

Application Opens: January through October 31.

<http://info.cvscaremark.com/community/our-impact/community-grants/public-schools>

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STEM GRANTS

GENCORP FOUNDATION

Description: The GenCorp Foundation's highest giving priority is education, particularly programs designed for K-12 students, including those that emphasize science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Eligibility: 501(c)(3) U.S.-based nonprofit organizations located in the communities where Aerojet and GenCorp have a business presence.

Award Amount: Depends on the project.

Requirements: We request a letter of inquiry prior to inviting an organization to submit for formal proposal. A letter of inquiry should be sent to:

Juanita Garcia

Director, GenCorp Foundation

P.O. Box 15619

Sacramento, CA 95852-0619

10951 White Rock Road

Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-6029

Office: (916) 355-3600 Fax: (916) 355-2515

juanita.garcia@gencorp.com

www.gencorp.com

States: Huntsville, AL; Camden, AR; Sacramento, CA; Washington DC; Socorro, NM; Jonesborough, TN; Clearfield, UT; Gainesville, VA; Orange, VA; Redmond, WA.

Application Opens: Funding cycles are April, July and October.

http://www.gencorp.com/documents/invest_rel/grantguidelines/Grantmaking_Overview_Guidelines.pdf

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VULCAN MATERIALS COMPANY FOUNDATION

Description: The Foundation is interested in efforts to encourage young people to develop an interest in math, science and business. The Foundation, therefore, gives consideration to proposals designed to help maintain students' curiosity and excitement about the worlds of math and science and to explore the world of industry and business. The Foundation is particularly interested in helping young people and their teachers understand the relevance of math and science to society, and is supportive of efforts to link the math and science taught in classrooms to the application of these disciplines in the workplace. The Foundation also will consider programs designed to educate our students about the vital role of business and industry in society.

Eligibility: Public Schools

Award Amount: Dependent on the project

Requirements: Please submit a letter setting forth the following:

A description of the organization

How the funds will be used

Timelines for the funding and implementation of the project

How success will be measured

States: To see a list of eligible states, go to: <http://www.vulcanmaterials.com/social.asp?content=guidelines#geographic>

Application Opens: Requests are considered throughout the year.

<http://www.vulcanmaterials.com/social.asp?content=guidelines#geographic>

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AMERICAN HONDA FOUNDATION

Description: Youth education, specifically in the areas of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, the environment, job training and literacy. The American Honda Foundation engages in grant making that reflects the basic tenets, beliefs and philosophies of Honda companies, which are characterized by the following qualities: imaginative, creative, youthful, forward-thinking, scientific, humanistic and innovative. We support youth education with a specific focus on the STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) subjects in addition to the environment.

Eligibility: Nonprofit charitable organizations classified as a 501(c) (3) public charity by the Internal Revenue Service, or a public school district, private/public elementary and secondary schools as listed by the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). In addition, qualifying organizations must have a minimum of two years of audited financial statements.

Award Amount: The grant range is from \$20,000 to \$60,000 over a one-year period.

Requirements:

- Organizations may only submit one request in a 12-month period. This includes colleges and universities with several departments/outreach programs
- The grant range is from \$20,000 to \$60,000 over a one-year period
- Proposals should be submitted online.
- No faxed applications will be accepted

States: All

Application Deadlines: February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1

<http://corporate.honda.com/america/philanthropy.aspx?id=ahf>

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CRUISE INDUSTRY CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Description: The Foundation encourages the creation and expansion of learning experiences and opportunities at the primary, secondary and higher education levels, particularly for minority and disadvantaged students. Areas of special interest to the Foundation include educational and training programs designed to improve literacy, teach basic life skills **and** promote good citizenship and public service **and** increase reading, math and science proficiencies.

Eligibility: Potential grantees must be public charities within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c) (3). A current IRS letter determining Code Section 501(c) (3) public charity status must be attached to each grant application.

Award Amount: CICF limits grant donations to any single organization to a maximum of a three year commitment, in an effort to support as many worthy organizations as possible.

Requirements:

- To apply for a Cruise Industry Charitable Foundation ("CICF" or "Foundation") grant, a formal grant application shall be submitted to the Foundation, which includes a basic description of the organization and its mission, the purpose of the grant and timetable for program implementation, the amount of funding requested, financial information including project budget and the organization's annual budget **and** the expected program results. Use Grant Application Form to apply.
- Grant recipients may not use more than 10% of the grant for overhead costs or staff salaries; grants must be used for direct program cost or funding for specific programs or activities.
- Each grant recipient must submit a year-end report to the Foundation summarizing the project or program results and specifying how the grant monies were applied.

States: All. Charitable requests from the communities where the industry does business are given priority consideration.

Application Opens: CICF grant applications should be submitted at the beginning of each calendar year or at the beginning of each quarter. Grant submissions will be reviewed on a quarterly basis for final selection. The full review process may take up to six months.

<http://www.cruisefoundation.org/requirements-and-guidelines.php>

Helpful Hint

Follett Library Resources can help you find STEM materials in multiple formats including eBooks, trade books and online databases. Contact your local Follett Account Manager for more details.

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PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE TEACHING

Description: Enacted by Congress in 1983, this program authorizes the President to bestow up to 108 awards each year. PAEMST winners are honored the year following the receipt of the application. Each awardee receives a citation signed by the President of the United States, a \$10,000 award from NSF, and gifts from a broad range of donors. Awardees and their guests are honored during events that take place in Washington, DC. These events include an award ceremony, celebratory receptions, professional development programs and discussions with policy-makers on how to improve mathematics and science education.

Eligibility: Teach mathematics or science at the K-6th grade level in a public or private school.

Award Amount: \$10,000.00

Requirement: Once a teacher is nominated or registers, the teacher will receive an email invitation to continue the application process. The invitation will include a user name and password for accessing the online application system.

States: Awards are given to mathematics and science teachers from each of the 50 states and four U.S. jurisdictions. The jurisdictions are Washington, D.C.; Puerto Rico; Department of Defense Schools; and the U.S. territories as a group (American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the U.S. Virgin Islands).

Application Opens: Fall of 2011 and closes May 1, 2012

<http://www.paemst.org/controllers/home.cfc?method=view>

VERIZON FOUNDATION

Description: The purpose of this program is to assist programs to increase their literacy and educational success; avoid being an abuser or a victim of domestic violence; and achieve and sustain their health and safety. Adult Literacy, At-Risk/Character, Disabilities, Family Services, General Education, Math, Reading, Science/Environment, Social Studies

Eligibility: Public School, Private/Charter School, Higher Education, Other

Award Amount: The average grant size range is between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Requirements: Verizon Foundation only accepts electronic proposals through its Apply Online process. Successfully submitted online proposals receive an electronic notice confirming receipt of the application via email. Please allow up to ninety (90) days for a final decision.

States: All

Application Closes: October 14

<http://www.verizonfoundation.org/grants/guidelines/#FAQs>

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TOSHIBA AMERICA GRANT PROGRAM FOR K-12 SCIENCE AND MATH EDUCATION

Description: Wanted: Classroom Innovators! Toshiba America Foundation is currently accepting applications from teachers who are passionate about making science and mathematics more engaging for their students.

Eligibility: Science and math teachers in public or private (nonprofit) schools may apply for grants to support classroom science and math education. Endorsement from a school official is required.

Award Amount: Up to \$5,000

Requirements: Before submitting a completed proposal, teachers are encouraged to call the Toshiba America Foundation team to discuss their project ideas. To learn more about the application process and the Foundation's grant-making guidelines call 212-596-0620.

States: All

Application Opens: Grade 6-12 applications are accepted on a rolling basis, throughout the calendar year. Applications for Grades K thru 5 grants are accepted once a year on October 1st (or first business day of October).

http://www.toshiba.com/taf/k5_apply.jsp

<http://www.toshiba.com/taf/612.jsp>

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RGK FOUNDATION

Requirements: RGK Foundation awards grants in the broad areas of Education, Community and Medicine/Health. The Foundation's primary interests within Education include programs that focus on formal K-12 education (particularly mathematics, science and reading), teacher development, literacy and higher education.

Eligibility: Grants are made only to nonprofit organizations certified as tax exempt under Sections 501(c) (3) or 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code and are classified as "not a private foundation" under Section 509(a). Hospitals, educational institutions and governmental institutions meeting these requirements are eligible to apply.

Award Amount: The average Foundation grant is \$25,000

Requirements: RGK Foundation no longer accepts unsolicited grant proposals. All applicants must complete an electronic Letter of Inquiry from the Website as the first step. RGK Foundation will entertain one electronic Letter of Inquiry (LOI) per organization in a 12-month period. Organizations that submit unsolicited proposals will receive notification directing them to submit an electronic Letter of Inquiry via the Website.

States: All

Application Opens: There is no deadline for submitting an electronic Letter of Inquiry. Foundation staff reviews electronic Letters of Inquiry on an ongoing basis and typically responds within two days, although we ask that you allow up to two weeks for a response.

<http://www.rgkfoundation.org/public/guidelines>

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Eligibility: Have current 501(c) (3) Public Charity status from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), be a government entity, or be an IRS-recognized tribe. It may not be a private foundation as defined in Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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States: Serve populations of the Pacific Northwest **States:** Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, or Washington.

Application Opens: Year round

<http://www.pgafoundations.com/TemplateMain.aspx?contentId=19>

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GENERAL EDUCATION GRANTS

CORNING FOUNDATION

Description: Corning's areas of involvement have included community service programs for students, curriculum enrichment, student scholarships, facility improvement and instructional technology projects for the classroom.

Eligibility: Selected public K-12 school districts, community colleges and four-year institutions of higher learning.

Award Amount: Dependent on the scope of the project.

Requirements: All requests to the Foundation for support must be made in writing. Grant seekers are advised to submit a two-to-three page letter of inquiry, signed by the senior administrative officer of the organization.

States: All

Application Opens: Year round

http://www.corning.com/about_us/corporate_citizenship/community/foundation_request.aspx

DEAN WITTER FOUNDATION

Description: The Foundation makes grants to launch and expand innovative K-12 public education initiatives.

Eligibility: The Foundation accepts grant proposals from tax-exempt charitable institutions as defined under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code on a continuing basis.

Award Amounts: Dependent on the request.

Requirements: The Foundation does not have a standard application form. Applicants should send one complete proposal to the Consultant.

States: All

Application Opens: Year round

<http://www.deanwitterfoundation.org/FundingGuidelines.html>

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ING UNSUNG HEROES

Description: Are you an educator with a class project that is short on funding but long on potential? Do you know a teacher looking for grant dollars? ING Unsung Heroes® could help you turn great ideas into reality for students.

Eligibility: All K-12 education professionals, whether or not they are clients of ING, are eligible. Specifically, these individuals must be:

- Employed by an accredited K-12 public or private school located in the United States
- Full-time educators, teachers, principals, paraprofessionals, or classified staff with effective projects that improve student learning

Previous recipients of ING Unsung Heroes awards are not eligible to apply for another award.

Award Amount: Each year, 100 educators are selected to receive \$2,000 to help fund their innovative class projects. Three of those are chosen to receive the top awards of an additional \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$25,000.

Requirements: All awards must be used to further the projects within the school or school system. 1. Provide a thorough description of your project, clearly stating what you and your students will do. Describe its objectives. Tell how your project is new or different. 2. How many students does or will the project directly benefit? How will your project improve student learning and impact other students and teachers, parents and your community? How do you or will you evaluate the effectiveness of your project? 3. Tell what funds/money, materials, or other resources you currently use or will use to operate your project. How will you use the \$2,000 award? How will you use additional money up to \$25,000? Include a line-item budget that summarizes or categorizes similar items together.

States: All

Application Opens: Applications for the 2011 awards are now available. The application deadline is April 30, 2013.

<http://www.ing-usa.com/us/stellent2/groups/dc/documents/companylobinformation/001143.pdf>

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BANK OF THE WEST'S CHARITABLE INVESTMENTS PROGRAM

Description: The mission of Bank of the West's Charitable Investments Program is to help meet the needs of the communities we serve by supporting nonprofit organizations dedicated to improving quality of life, particularly for low- and moderate-income individuals and communities. Our focus is after-school tutoring and mentoring programs for underserved youth and young adults, job training and vocational programs, including literacy and basic-skills education, for low- to moderate-income adults and programs that promote civic engagement.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations - 501(c) (3) status

Award Amount: Dependent on the scope of the project

Requirements: Applicants must be governed by a board of directors

States: AZ, CA, CO, ID, IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, NV, NM, ND, OK, OR, SD, UT, WA, WI, WY

Application Deadline: Bank of the West accepts charitable investment applications for program support and event sponsorship year-round.

<https://www.bankofthewest.com/about-us/community-support/charitable-investments.html>

Helpful Hint

To purchase digital reading products, consider grants to improve literacy or grants aimed at improving general education. Many of these grants are looking for some type of digital component because grantors look at digital as innovative and they know students are attracted to 'anything' digital. Grantors are wonderful, generous people who want to make an impact in the lives of children. Literacy is the cornerstone of education. Without good literacy skills, a student will be unable to learn any other subjects and many grantors know this. That's why there are more literacy grants than any other subject. Simply design a program around the digital product you want to purchase. Most importantly, demonstrate how the program will have an impact and how you will measure the results.

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PRUDENTIAL FOUNDATION

Description: Education leadership to support reform in public education by increasing the capacity of educators, parents and community residents to implement public school reform. The Prudential Foundation also funds organizations whose efforts influence policy that adapts promising practices and evidence-based approaches to instruction and learning in schools. Youth development to build skills and competencies needed for young people to be productive citizens. This includes expanding arts education opportunities and supporting effective out-of-school-time programs for young people.

Eligibility: Tax-exempt under paragraph 501(c) (3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code

Award Amount: Dependent on the scope of the project.

States: Newark, NJ; and Hartford, CT, Philadelphia, PA; New York, NY; Chicago, IL; and Los Angeles, CA, Dallas and Houston, TX; Dubuque, IA; Jacksonville, FL; Minneapolis, MN; Phoenix, AZ; and Scranton, PA. and New Orleans.

Application Opens: The Foundation receives and reviews proposals throughout the year. Grants that exceed \$200,000 must be approved by the Board of Trustees, which meets three times a year, in February, June and October. Staff responds to applicants within approximately 60 days.
<http://www.prudential.com/view/page/public/12154>

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LITERACY

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Eligibility: Schools, hospitals, governmental units and religious institutions that hold nonprofit status similar to that of 501(c)(3) organizations, which may therefore be eligible.

Award Amount: Micro Grants are designed for requests of \$1,000 or less, but they feature a shorter application form and a streamlined review process.

Requirements: Please make sure to submit your application at least three months prior to the time the requested funds are needed. We receive many applications throughout the year, and we need to allow sufficient time to review each request carefully. Once you have submitted your application online, please allow at least 6 (six) to 8 (eight) weeks for review and notification of the result of your request.

States: In considering requests for grants, priority is placed on programs in specific counties/parishes. Please check the following links to determine if your project is located in an area where Entergy has operations: Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Texas and Vermont.

Application Deadlines: Micro Grant applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

http://www.entergy.com/our_community/micro_grant_guidelines.aspx

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BRINKER INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

Description: Giving back to the communities where we live and work is one of Brinker International's core values. With a diverse variety of local fundraising activities and corporate giving programs, Brinker and its restaurants contribute more than \$3 million annually to a number of worthwhile charities. The objective of the Brinker International Foundation is to support programs and projects that are affiliated with Children/Family, Arts, Civic and University related educational programs.

Eligibility: Public or Private Schools, Public Libraries

Award Amount: Based on the project and the request

Requirements: Brinker International's Charitable Committee must have the following information from organizations requesting donations. This information must be submitted on the organization's official letterhead. The exact amount requested and the specific purpose for the donation briefly summarized on 1-2 typewritten pages. The request should detail how the donations will be used. Information about your organization, including proof of 501(c) (3) status and sources of funding. Information, if any, concerning past or current involvement of Brinker International employees with the organization.

States: All

Application Opens: All requests for cash or in-kind donations are reviewed on an ongoing basis.

http://www.brinker.com/contact/charitable_requests.asp

Bank of the West's Charitable Investments Program

Description: The mission of Bank of the West's Charitable Investments Program is to help meet the needs of the communities we serve by supporting nonprofit organizations dedicated to improving quality of life, particularly for low- and moderate-income individuals and communities. Our focus is after-school tutoring and mentoring programs for underserved youth and young adults, job training and vocational programs, including literacy and basic-skills education, for low- to moderate-income adults and programs that promote civic engagement.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations - 501(c) (3) status

Award Amount: Dependent on the scope of the project

Requirements: Applicants must be governed by a board of directors

States: AZ, CA, CO, ID, IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, NV, NM, ND, OK, OR, SD, UT, WA, WI, WY

Application Deadline: Bank of the West accepts charitable investment applications for program support and event sponsorship year-round.

<https://www.bankofthewest.com/about-us/community-support/charitable-investments.html>

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STUART FOUNDATION

Description: The Stuart Foundation is dedicated to transforming public education and the child welfare system so that all youth can learn and achieve in school and life. The Foundation is a partner and convener in melding the resources, thinking **and** energy necessary to create and sustain system-wide change in California and Washington. It invests in programs and practices that serve as scalable and sustainable models and that inform policy.

Eligibility: Certain organizations that qualify as tax-exempt within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Service code are eligible to apply to the Foundation. Examples are school districts, universities and government entities, such as city or county agencies.

Award Amount: The amount that you request from the Foundation should be proportionate to your organizational budget, project budget and expected income from other sources. While we have no restrictions regarding the maximum size grant you may request, program staff will take into consideration your track record in implementing projects of a similar size and scope.

Requirements: A Letter of Inquiry must be submitted first. Foundation staff may request a proposal after reviewing an organization's LOI. Program staff will contact your organization within approximately 60 days after we receive your LOI to inform you of whether you have been selected to submit a full proposal.

States: California and Washington

Application Opens: The Foundation accepts LOIs on a rolling basis.

<http://www.stuartfoundation.org/BecomeOurPartner/GrantApplicationProcess.aspx>

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WISH YOU WELL FOUNDATION

Description: Requests should align with the Wish You Well Foundation's mission:

"Supporting family literacy in the United States by fostering and promoting the development and expansion of new and existing literacy and educational programs"

Eligibility: Requests must come from an Internal Revenue Service recognized 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization

Award Amount: Range from \$200 to \$10,000

Requirements: Single-page proposal that includes

- The organization's history, mission and contact information
- The amount requested
- The program or event to be funded.
- Requests may also include supplemental information for consideration

States: All

Application Opens: Year-round. The Wish You Well Foundation board meets on average four times per year (specific dates determined by the availability of board members to attend). Upon receipt of the donation request form, organizations will be notified as to the specific meeting date when their request will be reviewed and voted upon by the Board.

<http://wishyouwellfoundation.org/apply/>

CRUISE INDUSTRY CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Description: The Foundation encourages the creation and expansion of learning experiences and opportunities at the primary, secondary and higher education levels, particularly for minority and disadvantaged students. Areas of special interest to the Foundation include educational and training programs designed to improve literacy, teach basic life skills, promote good citizenship and public service and increase reading, math and science proficiencies.

Eligibility: Potential grantees must be public charities within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3). A current IRS letter determining Code Section 501(c)(3) public charity status must be attached to each grant application.

Award Amount: CICF limits grant donations to any single organization to a maximum of a three year commitment, in an effort to support as many worthy organizations as possible.

Requirements:

- To apply for a Cruise Industry Charitable Foundation ("CICF" or "Foundation") grant, a formal grant application shall be submitted to the Foundation which includes a basic description of the organization and its mission, the purpose of the grant and timetable for program implementation, the amount of funding requested, financial information

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including project budget and the organization's annual budget and the expected program results. Use Grant Application Form to apply.

- Grant recipients may not use more than 10% of the grant for overhead costs or staff salaries; grants must be used for direct program cost or funding for specific programs or activities.
- Each grant recipient must submit a year-end report to the Foundation summarizing the project or program results and specifying how the grant monies were applied.

States: All. Charitable requests from the communities where the industry does business are given priority consideration.

Application Opens: CICF grant applications should be submitted at the beginning of each calendar year or at the beginning of each quarter. Grant submissions will be reviewed on a quarterly basis for final selection. The full review process may take up to six months.

<http://www.cruisefoundation.org/requirements-and-guidelines.php>

VERIZON FOUNDATION

Description: The purpose of this program is to increase literacy and educational success; avoid being an abuser or a victim of domestic violence; and achieve and sustain health and safety. Adult Literacy, At-Risk/Character, Disabilities, Family Services, General Education, Math, Reading, Science/Environment and Social Studies.

Eligibility: Public School, Private/Charter School, Higher Education

Award Amount: The average grant size range is between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Requirements: Verizon Foundation only accepts electronic proposals through its Apply Online process. Successfully submitted online proposals receive an electronic notice confirming receipt of the application via email. Please allow up to ninety (90) days for a final decision.

States: All

Application Opens: January 1st through October 16, 2011 11:59PM EST.

<http://foundation.verizon.com/grant/guidelines.shtml>

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MICHAEL AND SUSAN DELL

Description: In the U.S. we are working to close the achievement gap by supporting programs to improve large urban school districts in cities nationwide. We strongly emphasize the use of performance management, an approach that fosters a culture dedicated to accountability and collaboration and uses technology to gather, analyze and report information. We believe student performance can be improved by giving administrators and teachers access to timely, relevant insights they can use to make decisions, predict performance levels and graduation rates and change the course of students at risk. MSDF seeks to fund projects that directly serve or impact children in five essential focus areas: education, health, safety, youth development and early childhood care.

Eligibility: Before starting an Online Grant Proposal you will be asked a series of brief questions about your organization and proposed project. The questions have been designed to determine if your organization and project meet basic eligibility requirements for Michael & Susan Dell Foundation funding. Answering the eligibility requirements questions should take less than five minutes.

Award Amounts: Michael & Susan Dell Foundation has approved grants ranging from \$500 to several million dollars. As a guideline, the foundation generally will not fund more than 25% of a project's budget or more than 10% of an organization's total annual operating expenses.

Requirements: Foundation staff will review the Online Grant Proposal and respond via email within six weeks. If we find the proposed project to be aligned with the mission of the foundation, you will be asked to complete a formal Grant Application for funding.

States: All

Application Opens: Year round

http://www.msdf.org/Grants/Grant_Application/default.aspx

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RGK FOUNDATION

Requirements: RGK Foundation awards grants in the broad areas of Education, Community and Medicine/Health. The Foundation's primary interests within Education include programs that focus on formal K-12 education (particularly mathematics, science and reading), teacher development, literacy and higher education.

Eligibility: Grants are made only to nonprofit organizations certified as tax exempt under Sections 501(c)(3) or 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code and are classified as "not a private foundation" under Section 509(a). Hospitals, educational institutions and governmental institutions meeting these requirements are eligible to apply.

Award Amount: The average Foundation grant is \$25,000

Requirements: RGK Foundation no longer accepts unsolicited grant proposals. All applicants must complete an electronic Letter of Inquiry from the Website as the first step. RGK Foundation will entertain one electronic Letter of Inquiry (LOI) per organization in a 12-month period. Organizations that submit unsolicited proposals will receive notification directing them to submit an electronic Letter of Inquiry via the Website.

States: All

Application Opens: There is no deadline for submitting an electronic Letter of Inquiry. Foundation staff reviews electronic Letters of Inquiry on an ongoing basis and typically responds within two days, although we ask that you allow up to two weeks for a response.

<http://www.rgkfoundation.org/public/guidelines>

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CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS / LEARNING DISABLED

CHARLES LAFITTE FOUNDATION

Description: The Charles Lafitte Foundation is a private family foundation founded in 1999 by Suzanne and Jeffrey Citron. The mission of the Education Program is to encourage the attainment of knowledge and skills and the practice of responsible citizenship through access to effective learning opportunities. The Foundation provides support for innovative programs aimed at resolving social service issues, assisting students with learning disabilities, providing technology and computer based education, creating access to education of the arts, supporting at-risk children from pre-school to college and providing learning enhancement, including the development of leadership skills. The Education Program includes support for research and conferences as well as support for programs that promote academic excellence in institutions of higher learning.

Eligibility: The Foundation funds organizations through out the country but is limited to supporting 501c-3 institutions.

Award Amount: Based on the proposal.

Requirements: The Foundation has no deadlines or standard forms. We prefer concise, well-organized proposals. In no case should the body of the proposal exceed 10 double-spaced pages. The Foundation prefers proposals sent by e-mail. A brief letter of inquiry, rather than a fully developed proposal, is an advisable first step for an applicant. The Foundation will contact you if we desire a full proposal. In addition to details about the applicant and the proposed project, information on the cost and duration of the work should be included. Overhead for these grants can be budgeted at no more than fifteen percent of direct project costs. Please send all proposals via email to Jennifer Vertetis (jennifer@charleslafitte.org)

States: All

Application Opens: Grant requests can be made at any time for support of activities related to Foundation program areas and interests.

<http://charleslafitte.org/grants/application/>

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VERIZON FOUNDATION

Description: The purpose of this program is to increase literacy and educational success; avoid being an abuser or a victim of domestic violence; and achieve and sustain health and safety. Adult Literacy, At-Risk/Character, Disabilities, Family Services, General Education, Math, Reading, Science/Environment, Social Studies

Eligibility: Public School, Private/Charter School, Higher Education, Other

Award Amount: The average grant size range is between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Requirements: Verizon Foundation only accepts electronic proposals through its Apply Online process. Successfully submitted online proposals receive an electronic notice confirming receipt of the application via email. Please allow up to ninety (90) days for a final decision.

States: All

Application Opens: January 1st through October 16, 2011 11:59PM EST.

<http://foundation.verizon.com/grant/guidelines.shtml>

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CVS CAREMARK COMMUNITY GRANTS

Description: The CVS Caremark Community Grants program awards funds to nonprofit organizations for programs targeting children with disabilities, programs focusing on health and rehabilitation services, public schools promoting a greater level of inclusion in student activities and extracurricular programs, and initiatives that give greater access to physical movement and play. We are devoted to supporting organizations that enrich the lives of children with disabilities through inclusive programs. Through our Community Grants Program we work to ensure that students are not left behind in school. Proposed programs must be fully inclusive where children with disabilities are full participants in an early childhood, adolescent or teenage program alongside their typically developing peers.

Eligibility: K-12 Public Schools

Award Amount: Maximum \$5,000

Requirements:

- All nonprofit organizations applying for a Community Grant for this type of program ARE REQUIRED to provide their EIN number before they can begin the eligibility quiz.
- A CVS/pharmacy store must be located within the state where your community organization resides. All CVS Caremark Community Grant Applications must be submitted online.
- If you are chosen to receive a grant, we request that grantees post volunteer opportunities on our Website so that local associates can participate in your volunteer projects.
- Once you pass our pre-screening process and complete the application/proposal form, you can expect an email response within four to six weeks, whether or not your program has been chosen for funding.
- Please do not call or email us during the review process, as we will be unable to provide any additional information or status.

States: All. A CVS/pharmacy store must be located within the state where your community organization resides.

Application Opens: January through October 31.

<http://info.cvscaremark.com/community/our-impact/community-grants/public-schools>

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

INTERNATIONAL PAPER FOUNDATION

Description: Literacy

- Programs that enhance reading materials at school and community libraries
- Programs that enhance the reading skills of children
- Programs that teach English as a second language

Eligibility: U.S. nonprofits interested in funding must be located in communities where International Paper has operations or has an employee base. Please contact your local facility for additional information about local deadlines and other funding requirements.

Award Amount: Dependent on the scope of the project

Requirements: All proposals will be routed to the local IP facility (available locations located in drop down menu) and must be completed in its entirety to be considered. Please contact the facility for local submission deadlines.

States: Must be located in communities where International Paper has operations or has an employee base. Please contact your local facility for additional information about local deadlines and other funding requirements.

Application Opens: Grants are reviewed quarterly on February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1.

<http://www.internationalpaper.com/US/EN/Company/IPGiving/index.html>

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ALA PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION GRANTS

<http://www.ala.org/awardsgrants/awards/browse/prec?showfilter=no>

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WITTER BYNNER FOUNDATION FOR POETRY

Description: Through a bequest from Witter Bynner in 1972, The Witter Bynner Foundation for Poetry perpetuates the art of poetry. The foundation promotes poetry in American culture and encourages grant proposals that expand awareness of the positive effects of poetry on society.

Eligibility: Grant support is provided to nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations as defined under section 501 (c) (3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code.

Award Amount: Organizations may apply for grant support from \$1,000 to \$10,000 for a maximum of three years. The foundation does not support indirect costs for grant administration, endowment funds, capital improvements or general operating expenses.

Requirements: A Letter of Intent is required before a grant application can be approved. If the foundation finds the request appropriate and within the scope of our mission, an invitation to submit an application will follow.

States: All

Application Deadline: Completed applications must be postmarked by February 15 each year. Funding decisions are made at the April meeting of the Board of Directors. Applicants will be notified as to the status of their proposals by the end of May.

<http://www.bynnerfoundation.org/grants/index.htm>

WE LOVE LIBRARIES!

Description: Enter your library in "We Love Libraries" lottery. Monthly grants of \$1,000 will be awarded from January through December 2012. At the end of each month, a winner will be drawn from entries received at our website at www.sistersincrime.org. To enter, simply complete the entry form and upload a photo of one or more of your staff with three books in your collection by Sisters in Crime members. You can find a list of our members who are authors by clicking [here](#).

Eligibility: US Library

Award Amount: \$1,000

Requirements: Those not successful in one month will automatically be entered for subsequent drawings. Grants must be used to purchase books and may not be used for general operating expenses. Book purchases are NOT restricted to the mystery genre nor to those by Sisters in Crime members. There is no cost or obligation other than allowing us to post winners' photos on our website.

States: All

Application Opens: January through December

<http://www.sistersincrime.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=53>

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TICKET TO READING REWARDS

Description: Ticket To Reading Rewards is a reading incentive program that encourages Middle School students to read books outside the classroom and obtain rewards for reading. Over the life of the program, students have read an estimated 4,000,000 books, obtained nearly 1,000,000 rewards and attended 125,000 local men's and women's NCAA basketball games--all at no cost to the school district or its students.

Eligibility: Middle school students

Award Amount: Rewards have included subscriptions to Sports Illustrated for Kids, miniature basketball hoops, medals, trophies, basketballs autographed by NCAA coaches, books and gift certificates. The top reader in each school receives special recognition, and schools compete against each other for a coveted award. All prizes are provided free of charge to the student and school through the generosity of the sponsors and donors of the NABC Foundation.

Requirements: Students are encouraged to read to obtain predetermined rewards for participating and for reading 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 books—with each student eligible to receive all six rewards.

States: All

Application Opens: Year-round

<http://www.tickettoreadingrewards.org/about.html>

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LAURA BUSH 21ST CENTURY LIBRARIAN PROGRAM

Description: This program supports projects to develop faculty and library leaders, to recruit and educate the next generation of librarians, to conduct research on the library profession and to support early career research on any area of library and information science by tenure-track, untenured faculty in graduate schools of library and information science. It also supports projects to encourage careers in librarianship, to build institutional capacity in graduate schools of library and information science, and to assist in the professional development of librarians and library staff. All members of the library community are invited to play an active role in ensuring that the profession is prepared to meet the challenges of the 21st century by recruiting a new generation of faculty and librarians, preparing library leaders **and** strengthening graduate schools of library and information science.

Eligibility: Eligible libraries include public libraries, elementary and secondary school libraries, college and university libraries, research libraries and archives that are not an integral part of an institution of higher education and that make publicly available library services and materials that are suitable for scholarly research and not otherwise available, and private or special libraries that have been deemed eligible to participate in this program by the state in which the library is located.

Award Amount: \$50,000–\$1,000,000

Requirements: Categories of funding include Doctoral Programs; Master's Programs; Research (including both research on and about the library profession and workforce, and Early Career Development); Preprofessional Programs, Programs to Build Institutional Capacity; Continuing Education; and Planning Grants.

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States: located in one of the 50 states of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, or the Republic of Palau;

Application Deadline: September 24

<http://www.ims.gov/applicants/grants/21centuryLibrarian.shtml>

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INTERNATIONAL PAPER FOUNDATION

Description: Literacy

- programs that enhance reading materials at school and community libraries
- programs that enhance the reading skills of children
- programs that teach English as a second language

Eligibility: US nonprofits interested in funding must be located in communities where International Paper has operations or has an employee base. Please contact your local facility for additional information about local deadlines and other funding requirements.

Award Amount: Dependent on the scope of the project

Requirements: All proposals will be routed to the local IP facility (available locations located in drop down menu) and must be completed in its entirety to be considered. Please contact the facility for local submission deadlines.

States: Must be located in communities where International Paper has operations or has an employee base. Please contact your local facility for additional information about local deadlines and other funding requirements.

Application Opens: Grants are reviewed quarterly on February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1.

<http://www.internationalpaper.com/US/EN/Company/IPGiving/index.html>

I LOVE MY LIBRARIAN AWARD

Description: Nominate your favorite librarian.

Eligibility: Public School Librarian, Public Library Librarian

Award Amount: Up to ten winners will be selected this year to receive a \$5,000 cash award, a plaque and \$500 travel stipend to attend an awards reception in New York hosted by The New York Times. In addition, a plaque will be given to each award winner's library.

Requirements: Online application with questions that describe the nominee. Examples: Please tell us in 2-3 sentences why your nominee should win this award.

How has the nominee helped you and/or students at school? For example, did the nominee help you with a project, recommend resources or collaborate with you to enhance student learning?

How has the individual demonstrated leadership in the school community?

States: All

Application Deadline: September 12

<http://www.ilovelibraries.org/lovemylibrarian/home.cfm>

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AMBER BROWN GRANT FOR GUEST AUTHOR VISITS

Description: This grant is offered in the spirit of Paula's joyous approach to life, and we hope that every school that uses it to bring an author or illustrator to speak to their students will make that day a true celebration--a celebration of books, of literacy, of children, of life.

Eligibility: Any school with the desire and commitment to enrich their curriculum with a guest author or illustrator is eligible to apply. However, this grant is primarily focused on bringing an author or illustrator to a school that cannot or has not been able to afford this privilege.

Award Amount: Two schools will be rewarded with an all-expense-paid visit by a well-respected children's author or illustrator. The chosen schools will also receive a \$250 stipend to assist in creating this memorable event to celebrate reading, learning and children's literature and \$250 worth of books by the visiting author. Additionally, one runner up school will be selected and rewarded with books valued at \$250.00.

Requirements: Applicants must fill out the application in its entirety and submit it before the deadline (see below). All applications must include a statement of support from your principal.

States: All

Application Opens: Applications may be submitted between November 1st and April 1st.

<http://www.scbwi.org/Pages.aspx/Amber-Brown-Grant>

ALSC/CANDLEWICK PRESS "LIGHT THE WAY: OUTREACH TO THE UNDERSERVED" GRANT

Description: The ALSC/Candlewick Press "Light the Way: Outreach to the Underserved" Grant was formed in honor of Newbery Medalist and Geisel Honoree author Kate DiCamillo, and the themes represented in her books. The award consists of a \$3,000 grant to assist a library in conducting exemplary outreach to underserved populations through a new program or an expansion of work already being done. Special population children may include those who have learning or physical differences, those who are speaking English as a second language, those who are in a nontraditional school environment, those who are in nontraditional family settings (such as teen parents, foster children, children in the juvenile justice system and children in gay and lesbian families) and those who need accommodation service to meet their needs.

Eligibility: ALA membership is a prerequisite for this grant.

Award Amount: \$3,000

Requirements: The grant project must be administered between June 1, 2012 and May 31, 2013

States: All

Application Opens: Fall 2012

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/profawards/candlewicklighttheway>

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HALLIBURTON FOUNDATION

Description: Established in 1965, the Halliburton Foundation supports education at all levels and charitable organizations through employee matching gifts, direct grants and scholarships. The Halliburton Foundation is a domestic foundation.

Eligibility: Provide evidence of 501 (c) (3) tax exempt status as granted by the Internal Revenue Service, or of a political subdivision (schools, municipal foundations, etc.)

Award Amount: Dependent on the scope of the project.

Requirements: All requests for cash or in-kind donations should be sent in writing to:
Halliburton

Community Relations

10200 Bellaire Boulevard

Houston, TX 77072-5206

States: All - Strong preference is given to organizations in areas where Halliburton has a significant presence as measured by facilities, employees and customers. <http://www.halliburton.com/locations/>

Application Deadline: Contribution requests are reviewed on a quarterly basis by a Community Relations Review Board (CRRB). The deadlines for submitting requests are Jan. 31, April 30, July 31 and Oct. 31.

<http://www.halliburton.com/AboutUs/default.aspx?navid=988&pageid=2274>

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W.K. KELLOGG FOUNDATION

Description: We thank you for considering the Foundation as a prospective partner in your work and encourage you to review the latest information on our website regarding educated kids, healthy kids, secure families, racial equity and community and civic engagement before beginning the application process. This will assist you in determining if/how your idea might be a fit with our current programming goals and objectives.

Eligibility: Nonprofit and Public Government Agencies

Award Amount: Dependent on the scope of the project

Requirements: Once we receive your completed online application, an automated response, which includes your WKKF reference number, will be sent to you acknowledging its receipt. Our goal is to review your application and email our initial response to you within 45 days. Your grant may be declined or it may be selected for further development.

States: All US States and Mexico, Haiti, Brazil and South Africa

Application Deadline: The Kellogg Foundation does not have any submission deadlines. Grant applications are accepted throughout the year and are reviewed at our headquarters in Battle Creek, Michigan.

<http://www.wkkf.org/what-we-support/educated-kids/strategies.aspx>

<http://wrm.wkkf.org/uWebRequestManager/UI/Application.aspx?tid=70d03543-2f25-44ffb0c0-024f3fb5aa09&did=f364ec36-e73a-4ecc-ba18-eaf15dd55bae&cp=0&LanguageID=0>

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STUART FOUNDATION

Description: The Stuart Foundation is dedicated to transforming public education and the child welfare system so that all youth can learn and achieve in school and life. The Foundation is a partner and convener in melding the resources, thinking and energy necessary to create and sustain system-wide change in California and Washington. It invests in programs and practices that serve as scalable and sustainable models and that inform policy.

Eligibility: Certain organizations that qualify as tax-exempt within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Service code are eligible to apply to the Foundation. Examples are school districts, universities and government entities, such as city or county agencies.

Award Amount: The amount that you request from the Foundation should be proportionate to your organizational budget, project budget and expected income from other sources. While we have no restrictions regarding the maximum size grant you may request, program staff will take into consideration your track record in implementing projects of a similar size and scope.

Requirements: A Letter of Inquiry must be submitted first. Foundation staff may request a proposal after reviewing an organization's LOI. Program staff will contact your organization within approximately 60 days after we receive your LOI to inform you of whether you have been selected to submit a full proposal.

States: California and Washington

Application Opens: The Foundation accepts LOIs on a rolling basis.

<http://www.stuartfoundation.org/BecomeOurPartner.aspx>

Helpful Hint

FollettShelf™ is a free, hosted virtual bookshelf that provides a friendly online environment for students and teachers to search, read and manage their Follett eContent. FollettShelf provides web-based, 24/7 access outside of the library catalog. Follett offers two types of eBooks – single use and unlimited, simultaneous access. No matter which type of eBook you choose, when you purchase a Follett eBook, it's yours – no annual fees. Contact your local Follett Account Manager for more details.

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LOWE'S CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Description: A special fund has been designated for parent group initiated improvement projects at public schools or school districts. Grants from \$5,000 to \$50,000 are available for a variety of school improvement projects at K-12 public schools such as, but not limited to, landscaping and grounds improvement, library or media center enhancement, science or specialty lab creation or upgrade, or parent education programs. All schools or districts applying for the Large Toolbox grant MUST apply online directly via the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation (LCEF) website.

Eligibility: The Foundation provides funding only to 501(c) (3) tax-exempt nonprofit organizations and public agencies in communities where Lowe's operates stores and distribution centers.

Award Amount: Grants generally range from \$5,000 to \$50,000.

Requirements: Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation requires that all applicants take an eligibility test. Organizations that pass will be considered, but not guaranteed a grant.

States: All

Application Opens: Year round

http://www.cybergrants.com/lowes/start_app.html

KINDER MORGAN FOUNDATION

Description: The Kinder Morgan Foundation believes that today's youth are tomorrow's leaders, and our mission is to provide them with opportunities to learn and grow. Our goal is to help today's science, math and music students become the engineers, educators and musicians who will support our diverse communities for many years to come. To accomplish this goal, we fund programs that promote the academic and artistic interests of young people in the many cities and towns across North America where Kinder Morgan operates.

Eligibility: In the US, Nonprofits, public schools and private schools may apply. In Canada, nonprofits and private schools must provide documentation that enables us to determine that the organization is the equivalent of a U.S. public charity.

Award Amount: Award amounts range from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

Requirements: Focus areas are Academic programs, including tutoring, Arts education programs and Environmental education programs that work with local schools and meet curriculum standards.

States: US and Canada

Application Deadline: The deadline for submitting applications is the 10th of every other month beginning in January.

http://www.kindermorgan.com/community/km_foundation_guidelines.cfm

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AMERICAN SCHOOL BOARD JOURNAL'S MAGNA AWARDS

Description: The Magna Awards Is A National Recognition Program Co-sponsored By American School Board Journal, The National School Boards Association and Sodexo School Services That Honors School Board Best Practices And Innovative Programs That Advance Student Learning.

Eligibility: If you are nominating a program from a school district in the U.S., the district must be a member of your state school boards association to be eligible.

Award Amount: Magna nominations are judged according to three enrollment categories (under 5,000 enrollment; 5,000-20,000 enrollment; and over 20,000 enrollment) with one Grand Prize Winner in each category. Each Grand Prize Winner receives a \$4,000 contribution from Sodexo School Services. There are five additional winners and five honorable mention winners within each enrollment category.

Requirements: Only nominations made online using the online Magna Nomination form will be considered by the judges.

States: All

Application Deadline: The deadline for nominations is October 31

<http://www.asbj.com/MainMenuCategory/Supplements/MagnaAwards/WhatisMagna.aspx>

YALSA'S MAE AWARD FOR BEST LITERATURE PROGRAM FOR TEENS

Description: The MAE Award is designed to honor a member of YALSA who has developed an outstanding reading or literature program for young adults. The award is made possible through the Margaret A. Edwards Trust.

Eligibility: Public or Private School, Public Library

Award Amount: The award provides \$500 to the winner and an additional \$500 to the winner's library.

Requirements: All applicants must be current personal members of ALA/YALSA at the time the application is submitted. The purpose of the reading or literature program must be to bring young adults and books together and to encourage the development of life-long reading habits.

States: All

Deadline: December 1st

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/awardsandgrants/mae.cfm>

August 2012

LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE COMPETITION

Description: Young readers write to an author describing how that author's work somehow changed the reader's view of the world or himself/herself. Readers respond to the book they've read by exploring the personal relationship between themselves, the author and the book's characters or themes.

Eligibility: Letters About Literature welcomes entries from all readers — reluctant as well as enthusiastic — on three Levels of Competition. Entrants must be at least 9 years old and fall into one of the following categories:

Level 1 — Grades 4–6 Level 2 — Grades 7–8 Level 3 — Grades 9–12

Award Amount: The National Winners will receive a \$500 Target Gift Card, plus each will win a \$10,000 LAL Reading Promotion Grant for their community or school library. National Honorable Mention Winners will each receive a \$100 Target Gift Card and a \$1,000 LAL Reading Promotion Grant.

Requirements: Print your name and complete return address (either home or school) in the upper right corner of the first page of your letter. Letters without a return address and adequate contact information will be disqualified. Each letter must be accompanied by an entry coupon (that can be found on the website). Staple the coupon to the last page of your letter. Should you win a state or a national prize, your State Center for the Book will contact you using this information, so be sure your coupon is complete and legible!

States: All

Application Opens: Fall

http://www.lettersaboutliterature.org/how_to_enter

August 2012

BROWN RUDNICK CENTER FOUNDATION COMMUNITY GRANT

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Eligibility: The proposed recipient must be a nonprofit organization or tax-exempt organization (e.g. a public school) that is willing to accept the grant and use it in the required manner. The applicant must be a "front line educational worker" who is involved in the education field or a related field in of the communities eligible for Foundation grants

Award Amount: Not more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) in any one month.

Requirements:

- Purpose. The proposed use of the grant must be to fully fund a specific, one-time future education-related need or idea which promises to improve inner-city education within one year of the grant award in one of the cities eligible for Foundation grants.
- Support. The applicant may, if they wish, provide a letter of support by those knowledgeable about the potential recipient, especially those who are connected with the Brown Rudnick Center for the Public Interest and/or those who are involved (or plan to be involved) with the grant recipient's endeavors.
- Limitations. Applications shall not be considered or eligible which, where the purpose is to pay for sponsorship of a fundraising or a "table" event.

Cities: Boston, Hartford, New York City, Providence and Washington, D.C.,

Application Opens: The Foundation shall generally consider grant applications monthly.

<http://www.brownrudnickcenter.com/foundation/communitygrant.asp>

August 2012

Helpful Hint

Ideas for smaller projects:

Theme-based reading stations that include reading aloud, predictive questioning and fluency technique materials, reading buddy practice activities for groups to gain confidence in their reading abilities. Actors guild stations where students and LMS dress up as characters from books that the students are reading to act out scenes and to foster reading comprehension. Literacy-based reading circles and writing activities to include diaries, poetry, e-zines and short stories. A story hour library corner including an easel, a flannel storyboard and story kits, a puppet center with puppets, a literacy-themed rug and floor cushions.

LAURA BUSH SCHOOL LIBRARY GRANT

Description: In order to promote a love of reading, the goal of the Laura Bush Foundation (LBF) is to provide books to the school libraries and students that most need them.

Requirements: Funds are available only for library books and magazine/serial copies and subscriptions. The Laura Bush Foundation is unable to honor requests for staffing, shelving, furniture, equipment, software, videos, classroom book sets or any kind of book guides, tests or exams. Funds are intended to update, extend and diversify the book collections of the libraries that receive them. All LBF grants are made to individual schools rather than to school districts, county systems, private organizations, foundations, or other entities. Only one application per school is allowed per year.

Eligibility: K-12 Public Schools. Preference to schools in which 90% or more of the students receive free or reduced lunches (FRL) and are likely to have the fewest books at home.

Award Amounts: Grants of up to \$6,000

States: All

Application Opens: Fall

<http://www.laurabushfoundation.org/>

August 2012

MARGARET ALEXANDER EDWARDS TRUST

Description: Innovative programs that promote reading for pleasure for young adults.

Applications that feature new or creative programs will receive special consideration over those simply seeking funds for collection development or for a book discussion group.

Eligibility: School and Public Libraries

Award Amount: Under \$5,000

Requirements: For further information and/or for an application, please

contact: Julian L. Lapidés, Esquire, Trust Manager

600 Wyndhurst Ave., Suite 246

Baltimore, MD 21210

410.464.0100

The Trust prefers to be contacted by postal mail or phone, which is why neither an email address or URL is provided above.

States: All

Application Opens: Applications will be received and reviewed on a rolling basis.

<http://www.carr.org/mae/trust.html>

August 2012

DOLLAR GENERAL BEYOND WORDS DISASTER RELIEF FUND GRANT FOR SCHOOL LIBRARIES

Description: Dollar General, in collaboration with the American Library Association (ALA), the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) and the National Education Association (NEA), is sponsoring a school library disaster relief fund for public school libraries in the states served by Dollar General. The fund will provide grants to public schools whose school library program has been affected by a disaster.

Eligibility: Must be a public school library - PreK-12.

Award Amount: Individual awards are for \$5,000 to \$15,000

Requirements: Must be located within 20 miles of a Dollar General store, distribution center or corporate office. And, must have lost its building or incurred substantial damage or hardship due to a natural disaster (tornado, earthquake, hurricane, flood, avalanche, mudslide), fire or an act recognized by the federal government as terrorism; Or has absorbed a significant number (more than 10% enrollment) of displaced/evacuee students. The program is to satisfy the need to replace or supplement books, media and/or library equipment in the school library setting. And, it is expected that a certified school librarian at the campus, district or regional level will be involved in the selection of materials/equipment to be purchased.

States: AL, AR, AZ, CO, DE, FL, GA, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MO, MS, NC, NE, NJ, NM, NY, OH, OK, PA, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT, WI, WV

Application Opens: Year-round

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/aasl/aaslawards/beyondwords/eligibility.cfm>

August 2012

AT RISK – ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS

PRUDENTIAL FOUNDATION

Description: Prudential's commitment to education seeks to transform the public education system to dramatically improve the social and economic outcomes for all children. The Foundation believes that access to a high quality and rigorous education is a right for all children, regardless of background, and that a high quality public education system is an essential characteristic of a thriving community. U.S. students are performing far below comparative international countries, making them ill-prepared for college and careers in the global economy. Studies report that only a third of today's students graduate with the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed beyond high school.

We believe that leadership is a proven lever for change and we invest in opportunities to develop and support strong educational leaders to manage school systems, schools and classrooms. We believe in developing the whole child to increase motivation and engagement in the classroom to improve academic achievement. Finally, we believe these education reform efforts can only be sustained by through public and parent engagement.

Low academic achievement can perpetuate the cycle of poverty, crime and financial dependency on society, thus we focus on communities where children and families are most in need of a high quality education.

Eligibility: Tax-exempt under paragraph 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code

Award Amount: Dependent on the scope of the project.

States: Newark, NJ; and Hartford, CT, Philadelphia, PA; New York, NY; Chicago, IL; and Los Angeles, CA, Dallas and Houston, TX; Dubuque, IA; Jacksonville, FL; Minneapolis, MN; Phoenix, AZ; and Scranton, PA. and New Orleans.

Application Opens: The Foundation receives and reviews proposals throughout the year. Grants that exceed \$200,000 must be approved by the Board of Trustees, which meets three times a year, in February, June and October. Staff responds to applicants within approximately 60 days.

<http://www.prudential.com/view/page/public/12154>

August 2012

J.P. MORGAN GRANTS

Description: Our strategic focus is to ensure that all children, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds, have access to quality educational opportunities with a particular focus on K-12 public schools that help them acquire the knowledge and skills needed to be productive, engaged students. What we support:

- Development of instructional leaders
- Implementation of innovative curricula
- Deepen teacher content knowledge
- Strengthening of instructional strategies
- Strengthening district capacity to support innovation
- Extending learning opportunities
- College access initiatives
- Dissemination of best practices

Eligibility: K-12 Public Schools, focus on disadvantaged students.

Award Amount:

Requirements: The grant application will be evaluated based on the following guidelines:

- Alignment with our three focus areas of philanthropic giving
- Demonstration of effective organizational, programmatic and financial objective setting and management
- Evidence of broad-based support, with an accounting of funds received from public and private sources
- Description of the target population to be served
- Evidence that the service is a response to a valid need, is superior to other competing services and/or encourages collaboration with other organizations for maximum leverage
- Documentation of previous program success or substantial reasons to expect such success in the future

States: All, however, in some states, JPMorgan Chase funds only organizations that provide programs and services and have operations in specific markets. From the link below, learn specific details regarding counties/cities eligible for grant consideration. If no further information is provided, it means there are no restrictions in that particular state. In addition, 25+ countries abroad.

<http://www.jpmorganchase.com/corporate/Corporate-Responsibility/grant-guidelines.htm>

Application Opens: Grant applications may be submitted throughout the year.

U S Application: <http://www.jpmorganchase.com/corporate/Corporate-Responsibility/grant-programs.htm>

August 2012

GANNETT FOUNDATION

Description: The Gannett Foundation supports local organizations in communities served by Gannett Co., Inc. Our community action grant priorities include education and neighborhood improvement, economic development, youth development, community problem-solving, assistance to disadvantaged people, environmental conservation and cultural enrichment. We value projects that bring lasting benefits to communities served by Newsquest newspapers. While preference may be given to ideas which create a durable legacy for the community, we will consider single events or projects of limited duration that otherwise meet our criteria.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations

Award Amount: Our average grant amount is in the \$1,000 to \$5,000 range.

Requirements: Once you have determined geographic eligibility, complete the application form, append the proposal **and** send it to the newspaper publisher or TV station executive in your area.

States: To see which US States and United Kingdom areas qualify, go to <http://gannettfoundation.org/>

Application Deadlines: We consider grant applications twice a year. Please submit your proposal to the contact at the daily newspaper or television station in your area by February 16th or August 17th. Some locations have earlier deadlines, and they are listed in the Grant Contact list. Click here to see if there are specific guidelines for your area. (We do not accept proposals via email, messenger or hand delivery.)

<http://gannettfoundation.org/>

August 2012

CHARLES LAFITTE FOUNDATION

Description: The Charles Lafitte Foundation is a private family foundation founded in 1999 by Suzanne and Jeffrey Citron. The mission of the Education Program is to encourage the attainment of knowledge and skills and the practice of responsible citizenship through access to effective learning opportunities. The Foundation provides support for innovative programs aimed at resolving social service issues, assisting students with learning disabilities, providing technology and computer based education, creating access to education of the arts, supporting at-risk children from pre-school to college and providing learning enhancement, including the development of leadership skills. The Education Program includes support for research and conferences as well as support for programs that promote academic excellence in institutions of higher learning.

Eligibility: The Foundation funds organizations through out the country but is limited to supporting 501c-3 institutions.

Award Amount: Based on the proposal.

Requirements: The Foundation has no deadlines or standard forms. We prefer concise, well-organized proposals. In no case should the body of the proposal exceed 10 double-spaced pages. The Foundation prefers proposals sent by e-mail. A brief letter of inquiry, rather than a fully developed proposal, is an advisable first step for an applicant. The Foundation will contact you if we desire a full proposal. In addition to details about the applicant and the proposed project, information on the cost and duration of the work should be included. Overhead for these grants can be budgeted at no more than fifteen percent of direct project costs. Please send all proposals via email to Jennifer Vertetis (jennifer@charleslafitte.org)

States: All

Application Opens: Grant requests can be made at any time for support of activities related to Foundation program areas and interests.

<http://charleslafitte.org/grants/application/>

August 2012

AFTER SCHOOL ADVANTAGE GRANTS

Description: The GTECH After School Advantage Program is a national community investment program, which provides non-profit community agencies and public schools with state-of-the-art computer labs. These computer centers are designed to provide inner-city children aged five to 15 with a meaningful, yet fun, learning experience during the critical after-school hours, in a safe environment. This initiative is meant to provide an otherwise unavailable educational experience and bridge the digital divide among at-risk children. By applying our knowledge and expertise to this type of program GTECH hopes to increase children's interest in careers in computers and provide them with the necessary tools to help them become more competitive in school and in today's job market.

Eligibility: Must be a non-profit 501(C)(3) community agency or public school. Must have an existing after-school program in need of a computer lab. Must have staffing and monetary support systems in place to sustain the lab.

Award Amount: Up to \$15,000

Requirements: The Program targets minority and at-risk children aged five to 15.

States: All

Application Opens: Year round

http://www.gtech.com/about_gtech/proposal_guidelines.asp

August 2012

AMBROSE MONELL FOUNDATION

Description: Voluntarily aiding and contributing to religious, charitable, scientific, literary and educational uses and purposes, in New York, elsewhere in the United States and throughout the world.

Eligibility: The Ambrose Monell Foundation funds only those organizations that are qualified to receive charitable grants under the United States Internal Revenue Code and applicable regulations. In order to ascertain if your organization and its proposed project or program fit within the Foundation's guidelines, kindly submit a letter of inquiry (LOI).

Award Amount: Dependent on the project

Requirements: The review process for LOIs takes approximately 4-6 weeks. Applicants will be contacted by the Foundation only if the LOI receives a favorable response. At that time, the Foundation will request a detailed proposal and, if helpful, schedule a meeting with the prospective grantee. Proposals are to be submitted only upon invitation – unsolicited proposals will not be reviewed.

States: All

Application Opens: LOIs may be submitted at any time during the year and are reviewed on a continuous basis (there are no deadlines for LOIs). LOIs should not be more than three pages long. Proposals are reviewed by the Board of Directors twice a year, once in June and once in December. In order to be reviewed in June, proposals should be received by April 30th and to be reviewed in December, by October 31st.

<http://www.monellvetlesen.org/monell/appguide.htm>

August 2012

ALSC/CANDLEWICK PRESS "LIGHT THE WAY: OUTREACH TO THE UNDERSERVED" GRANT

Description: The ALSC/Candlewick Press "Light the Way: Outreach to the Underserved" Grant was formed in honor of Newbery Medalist and Geisel Honoree author Kate DiCamillo, and the themes represented in her books. The award consists of a \$3,000 grant to assist a library in conducting exemplary outreach to underserved populations through a new program or an expansion of work already being done. Special population children may include those who have learning or physical differences, those who are speaking English as a second language, those who are in a non-traditional school environment, those who are in non-traditional family settings (such as teen parents, foster children, children in the juvenile justice system, and children in gay and lesbian families), and those who need accommodation service to meet their needs.

Eligibility: ALA membership is a prerequisite for this grant.

Award Amount: \$3,000

Requirements: The grant project must be administered between June 1 and May 31

States: All

Application Opens: Fall and closes December 1

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/awardsgrants/profawards/candlewicklighttheway/index.cfm>

August 2012

BROWN RUDNICK CENTER FOUNDATION COMMUNITY GRANT

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Eligibility: The proposed recipient must be a nonprofit organization or tax-exempt organization (e.g. a public school) that is willing to accept the grant and use it in the required manner. The applicant must be a "front line educational worker" who is involved in the education field or a related field in of the communities eligible for Foundation grants

Award Amount: Not more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) in any one month.

Requirements:

- **Purpose.** The proposed use of the grant must be to fully fund a specific, one-time future education-related need or idea which promises to improve inner-city education within one year of the grant award in one of the cities eligible for Foundation grants.
- **Support.** The applicant may, if they wish, provide a letter of support by those knowledgeable about the potential recipient, especially those who are connected with the Brown Rudnick Center for the Public Interest and/or those who are involved (or plan to be involved) with the grant recipient's endeavors.
- **Limitations.** Applications shall not be considered or eligible which, where the purpose is to pay for sponsorship of a fundraising or a "table" event.

States: Boston, Hartford, New York City, Providence and Washington, D.C.,

Application Opens: The Foundation shall generally consider grant applications monthly.

<http://www.brownrudnickcenter.com/foundation/communitygrant.asp>

August 2012

NEA STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT GRANTS

Description: The NEA Foundation provides grants to improve the academic achievement of students in any subject area(s). The proposed work should engage students in critical thinking and problem solving that deepens their knowledge of standards-based subject matter. The work should also improve students' habits of inquiry, self-directed learning and critical reflection. Proposals for work resulting in low-income and minority student success with honors, advanced placement, or other challenging curricula are particularly encouraged.

Eligibility: Public Schools - Applicants must be practicing U.S:

public school teachers in grades PreK–12;

public school education support professionals, or

The NEA Foundation especially encourages grant applications from:

teachers with less than seven years of experience in the profession;

education support professionals

Award Amounts: The grant amounts are \$2,000 and \$5,000

Requirements: Grant funds may be used for resource materials, supplies, equipment, transportation, technology, or scholars-in-residence. Although some funds may be used to support the professional development necessary to implement the project, the majority of grant funds must be spent on materials or educational experiences for students.

States: All

Application Deadlines: Three deadlines are June 1st, October 15th and February 1st

<https://www.neafoundation.org/pages/educators/grant-programs/student-achievement-grants/>

August 2012

CRUISE INDUSTRY CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Description: The Foundation encourages the creation and expansion of learning experiences and opportunities at the primary, secondary and higher education levels, particularly for minority and disadvantaged students. Areas of special interest to the Foundation include educational and training programs designed to improve literacy, teach basic life skills, promote good citizenship and public service **and** increase reading, math and science proficiencies.

Eligibility: Potential grantees must be public charities within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3). A current IRS letter determining Code Section 501(c)(3) public charity status must be attached to each grant application.

Award Amount: CICF limits grant donations to any single organization to a maximum of a three year commitment, in an effort to support as many worthy organizations as possible.

Requirements:

To apply for a Cruise Industry Charitable Foundation ("CICF" or "Foundation") grant, a formal grant application shall be submitted to the Foundation which includes a basic description of the organization and its mission, the purpose of the grant and timetable for program implementation, the amount of funding requested, financial information including project budget and the organization's annual budget and the expected program results. Use Grant Application Form to apply.

Grant recipients may not use more than 10% of the grant for overhead costs or staff salaries; grants must be used for direct program cost or funding for specific programs or activities. Each grant recipient must submit a year-end report to the Foundation summarizing the project or program results and specifying how the grant monies were applied.

States: All. Charitable requests from the communities where the industry does business are given priority consideration.

Application Opens: CICF grant applications should be submitted at the beginning of each calendar year or at the beginning of each quarter. Grant submissions will be reviewed on a quarterly basis for final selection. The full review process may take up to six months.

<http://www.cruisefoundation.org/requirements-and-guidelines.php>

August 2012

LAURA BUSH SCHOOL LIBRARY GRANT

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Award Amounts: Grants of up to \$6,000

States: All

Application Opens: Fall 2012

<http://www.laurabushfoundation.org/>

August 2012

ADVANCED PLACEMENT/STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT GRANTS

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States: All

Application Deadlines: Three deadlines are June 1st, October 15th and February 1st

<https://www.neafoundation.org/pages/educators/grant-programs/student-achievement-grants/>

August 2012

AMERICAN SCHOOL BOARD JOURNAL'S MAGNA AWARDS

Description: The Magna Awards Is A National Recognition Program Co-sponsored By American School Board Journal, The National School Boards Association and Sodexo School Services That Honors School Board Best Practices And Innovative Programs That Advance Student Learning.

Eligibility: If you are nominating a program from a school district in the U.S., the district must be a member of your state school board's association to be eligible.

Award Amount: Magna nominations are judged according to three enrollment categories (under 5,000 enrollment; 5,000-20,000 enrollment; and over 20,000 enrollment) with one Grand Prize Winner in each category. Each Grand Prize Winner receives a \$4,000 contribution from Sodexo School Services. There are five additional winners and five honorable mention winners within each enrollment category.

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August 2012

TECHNOLOGY

TECHNOLOGY GRANTS FOR RURAL SCHOOLS

Description: Technology Grants for Rural Schools program was created to help meet the growing need for innovative technology in the classroom. The grants are funded by a donation from Rural Telephone Finance Cooperative (RTFC) and strive to help public schools in rural areas served by OPASTCO members bring modern computers to every classroom, connect schools to the information superhighway and make sure that effective and engaging software and online resources are an integral part of the school curriculum.

Eligibility: Any public K-12 school located in the service area of an OPASTCO telephone company may apply. A letter of nomination and support from the local telephone company must accompany all applications.

Award Amount: FRED, in cooperation with RTFC, will award grants on an annual basis in the range of \$1,000-\$10,000, depending on the scope of the grant-funding request.

Requirements: Technology Grants are available to public schools that are working in cooperation with their telcos to enhance learning by increasing the use of technology in the classroom. This includes adding new programs and curriculum for technology education and purchasing new equipment. Summaries of successful project proposals can be found at www.fred.org. Examples of possible grant requests include, but are not limited to:

- Computer-assisted learning (CAL) programs
- Computer equipment and programs
- Electronic access to information, including CD-ROMs and Internet access in each classroom
- Subject-specific tools

States: For a complete list of all cities and states eligible to apply, go to: <http://www.fred.org/pdfs/FREDProgramEligibility.pdf>

Deadline: November 1

<http://www.fred.org/tech.html>

August 2012

CHARLES LAFITTE FOUNDATION

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States: All

Application Opens: Grant requests can be made at any time for support of activities related to Foundation program areas and interests.

<http://charleslafitte.org/grants/application/>

August 2012

AMBROSE MONELL FOUNDATION

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<http://www.monellvetlesen.org/monell/appguide.htm>

August 2012

COMPUTERS FOR LEARNING

Description: The CFL program evolved as a guide for implementing Executive Order 12999, Educational Technology: Ensuring Opportunity for all Children in the Next Century. The executive order encourages agencies, to the extent permitted by law, to transfer computers and related peripheral equipment excess to their needs directly to schools and some educational nonprofit organizations. The CFL program specifically matches the computer needs of schools and educational nonprofit organization with excess equipment in Federal agencies. The CFL program's ambitious goal is to make modern computer technology an integral part of every classroom so that every child has the opportunity to be educated to his or her full potential.

Eligibility: A school is eligible to receive donations through the Computers for Learning program if it is public, private, or parochial, serving pre-kindergarten through grade 12 students. Day care centers must provide a state-approved preschool curriculum.

Award Amount: agencies are required to ensure the fair and equitable distribution of excess computer equipment on a national level.

Requirements: Generally, the school or educational nonprofit organization must pay for the shipping and handling of the computers. The Executive Order defines "educationally useful federal equipment" as computers (Windows based PCs and Apples) and related peripheral equipment. Computer software is also included where software vendors permit the transfer of licenses [Executive Order Section 4].

States: Participants must be located in the United States, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Application Opens: Year-round

http://computersforlearning.gov/htm/hp_schooleducation.htm

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AFTER SCHOOL ADVANTAGE GRANTS

Description: The GTECH After School Advantage Program is a national community investment program, which provides nonprofit community agencies and public schools with state-of-the-art computer labs. These computer centers are designed to provide inner-city children aged five to 15 with a meaningful, yet fun, learning experience during the critical after-school hours, in a safe environment. This initiative is meant to provide an otherwise unavailable educational experience and bridge the digital divide among at-risk children. By applying our knowledge and expertise to this type of program GTECH hopes to increase children's interest in careers in computers and provide them with the necessary tools to help them become more competitive in school and in today's job market.

Eligibility: Must be a nonprofit 501(C)(3) community agency or public school. Must have an existing after-school program in need of a computer lab. Must have staffing and monetary support systems in place to sustain the lab.

Award Amount: Up to \$15,000

Requirements: The Program targets minority and at-risk children aged five to 15.

States: All

Application Opens: Year round

http://www.gtech.com/about_gtech/proposal_guidelines.asp

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LEGO CHILDREN'S FUND

Description: The LEGO Children's Fund issues project grants, not general support grants. This allows the Foundation to direct its efforts towards specific areas and limits the duration of the Foundation's commitment. Primary interests are:

Early childhood education and development that is directly related to creativity

Technology and communication projects that advance learning opportunities

Eligibility: The Foundation awards grants to qualified tax-exempt organizations (as determined under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue code) including educational organizations as defined in USC 26 § 170 (C).

Award Amount: Typical awards, are between USD \$500 and USD \$5,000.

Requirements: Interested parties must complete an eligibility quiz, be approved and invited to submit a grant proposal as specified in our Application Procedures. The LEGO Children's Fund will consider requests for matching funds for qualifying projects or qualifying organizations that support the Fund mission statement. The LEGO Children's Fund recognizes that employee volunteer efforts are to be commended and supported. To offer encouragement and to support these efforts, the foundation will give preferential treatment to requests for grants for projects to organizations in which our employees devote time and resources.

States: All.

Application Deadlines: January 15, April 15, July 15, October 15

<http://www.legochildrensfund.org/Guidelines.html#Guidelines>

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ECONOMIC EDUCATION GRANT

GANNETT FOUNDATION

Description: The Gannett Foundation supports local organizations in communities served by Gannett Co., Inc. Our community action grant priorities include education and neighborhood improvement, economic development, youth development, community problem-solving, assistance to disadvantaged people, environmental conservation and cultural enrichment. We value projects that bring lasting benefits to communities served by Newsquest newspapers. While preference may be given to ideas that create a durable legacy for the community, we will consider single events or projects of limited duration that otherwise meet our criteria.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations

Award Amount: Our average grant amount is in the \$1,000 to \$5,000 range.

Requirements: Once you have determined geographic eligibility, complete the application form, append the proposal, and send it to the newspaper publisher or TV station executive in your area.

States: To see which US States and United Kingdom areas qualify, go to <http://gannettfoundation.org/>

Application Deadlines: We consider grant applications twice a year. Please submit your proposal to the contact at the daily newspaper or television station in your area by February 16th or August 17th. Some locations have earlier deadlines, and they are listed in the Grant Contact list. Click here to see if there are specific guidelines for your area. (We do not accept proposals via email, messenger or hand delivery.)

<http://gannettfoundation.org/>

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CALVIN K. KAZANJIAN ECONOMICS FOUNDATION GRANT

Description: The Foundation has an abiding interest in elevating the nation's understanding of the need for economic education. It will support programs that raise various public's participation in economic education and/or create a demand for greater economic literacy.

Eligibility: Schools, colleges and universities, foundations or other organizations

Award Amounts: \$3,500 to \$150,000

Requirements: All applications should be sent to:

The Calvin K. Kazanjian Economics Foundation, Inc.

P.O. Box 300 Dallas, PA 18612-0330

Phone: (570) 675-7074

Fax: (570) 675-8436

E-mail: director@kazanjan.org

States: All

Application Opens: Applications are due by September 15 for review in November/December, or by February 15 for review in May/June.

<http://www.kazanjan.org/grants/apply>

EARLY CHILDHOOD GRANTS

JOSEPH BRUNO FOUNDATION GRANTS

Description: Primary focus area is education, specifically the following: preparing children for success in school; supporting school readiness; quality early childhood development and early intervention; and working with families and youth service organizations to ensure academic success and prevent school dropout. Organizations and programs that show collaboration and sharing of ideas and resources are strongly supported.

Eligibility: Grant requests are considered from nonprofit organizations that are tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code.

Award Amount: Dependent on the project.

Requirements: A four page letter.

States: All

Application Opens: There are two deadlines for proposal submission each year: March 15 for April board meeting and September 15 for October board meeting.

<http://www.jsbcf.org/funding.asp>

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LEGO CHILDREN'S FUND

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Early childhood education and development that is directly related to creativity.

Technology and communication projects that advance learning opportunities.

Eligibility: The Foundation awards grants to qualified tax-exempt organizations (as determined under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code), including educational organizations as defined in USC 26 § 170 (C).

Award Amount: Typical awards are between USD \$500 and USD \$5,000.

Requirements: Interested parties must complete an eligibility quiz, be approved and invited to submit a grant proposal as specified in our Application Procedures. The LEGO Children's Fund will consider requests for matching funds for qualifying projects or qualifying organizations that support the Fund mission statement. The LEGO Children's Fund recognizes that employee volunteer efforts are to be commended and supported. To offer encouragement and to support these efforts, the foundation will give preferential treatment to requests for grants for projects to organizations in which our employees devote time and resources.

States: All.

Application Opens: Sept. 1, Dec. 1, March 1 and June 1

<http://www.legochildrensfund.org/Guidelines.html#Guidelines>

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MICHAEL AND SUSAN DELL

Description: In the U.S. we are working to close the achievement gap by supporting programs to improve large urban school districts in cities nationwide. We strongly emphasize the use of performance management, an approach that fosters a culture dedicated to accountability and collaboration and uses technology to gather, analyze and report information. We believe student performance can be improved by giving administrators and teachers access to timely, relevant insights they can use to make decisions, predict performance levels and graduation rates and change the course of students at risk. MSDF seeks to fund projects that directly serve or impact children in five essential focus areas: education, health, safety, youth development and early childhood care.

Eligibility: Before starting an Online Grant Proposal you will be asked a series of brief questions about your organization and proposed project. The questions have been designed to determine if your organization and project meet basic eligibility requirements for Michael & Susan Dell Foundation funding. Answering the eligibility requirements questions should take less than five minutes.

Award Amounts: Michael & Susan Dell Foundation has approved grants ranging from \$500 to several million dollars. As a guideline, the foundation generally will not fund more than 25% of a project's budget or more than 10% of an organization's total annual operating expenses.

Requirements: Foundation staff will review the Online Grant Proposal and respond via email within six weeks. If we find the proposed project to be aligned with the mission of the foundation, you will be asked to complete a formal Grant Application for funding.

States: All

Application Opens: Year round

http://www.msdf.org/Grants/Grant_Application/default.aspx

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION GRANTS

KINDER MORGAN FOUNDATION

Description: Focus Areas

Academic programs, including tutoring

Arts education programs

Environmental education programs that work with local schools and meet curriculum standards

Eligibility: In the US, Non profits, public schools and private schools may apply. In Canada, non profits and private schools must provide documentation that enables us to determine that the organization is the equivalent of a U.S. public charity.

Award Amount: Award amounts range from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

Requirements: Focus areas are Academic programs, including tutoring, Arts education programs and Environmental education programs that work with local schools and meet curriculum standards.

States: US and Canada. Kinder Morgan must have operations in the community served by the program. General location information is available on the About Us page.

Application Opens: The deadline for submitting applications is the 10th of every other month beginning in January.

http://www.kindermorgan.com/community/km_foundation_guidelines.cfm

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GANNETT FOUNDATION

Description: The Gannett Foundation supports local organizations in communities served by Gannett Co., Inc. Our community action grant priorities include education and neighborhood improvement, economic development, youth development, community problem-solving, assistance to disadvantaged people, environmental conservation and cultural enrichment. We value projects that bring lasting benefits to communities served by Newsquest newspapers. While preference may be given to ideas which create a durable legacy for the community, we will consider single events or projects of limited duration that otherwise meet our criteria.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations

Award Amount: Our average grant amount is in the \$1,000 to \$5,000 range.

Requirements: Once you have determined geographic eligibility, complete the application form, append the proposal **and** send it to the newspaper publisher or TV station executive in your area.

States: To see which US States and United Kingdom areas qualify, go to <http://gannettfoundation.org/>

Application Deadlines: We consider grant applications twice a year. Please submit your proposal to the contact at the daily newspaper or television station in your area by February 16th or August 17th. Some locations have earlier deadlines, and they are listed in the Grant Contact list. Click here to see if there are specific guidelines for your area. (We do not accept proposals via email, messenger or hand delivery.)

<http://gannettfoundation.org/>

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CAPTAIN PLANET FOUNDATION EDUCATION GRANTS

Description: The Captain Planet Foundation primarily makes grants to U.S.-based schools and organizations with an annual operating budget of less than \$3 million. Grants are made for activities that conform to the mission of the Captain Planet Foundation which is to: promote and support high-quality educational programs that enable children and youth to understand and appreciate our world through learning experiences that engage them in active, hands-on projects to improve the environment in their schools and communities. Grants from the Captain Planet Foundation are intended to:

- serve as a catalyst to getting environment-based education in schools, and
- inspire youth and communities to participate in community service through environmental stewardship activities.

Eligibility: All applicant organizations or sponsoring agencies must be exempt from federal taxation under the Internal Revenue Code Section 501, in order to be eligible for funding (this includes most schools and non-profit organizations). The Captain Planet Foundation primarily makes grants to U.S.-based schools and organizations with an annual operating budget of less than \$3 million.

Award Amount: Preferential consideration is given to requests seeking seed funding of \$500 or less and to applicants who have secured at least 50% matching or in-kind funding for their projects. (Projects with matching funds or in-kind support are given priority because external funding is a good indicator of the potential for long-term sustainability of the activities.) Captain Planet Foundation will on occasion consider grants up to \$2,500. In the event a request exceeds \$500 Captain Planet Foundation may choose to fund a portion of the project budget that best fits within the foundation guidelines or contact an applicant for further discussion.

Requirements: All applicant organizations or sponsoring agencies must be exempt from federal taxation under the Internal Revenue Code Section 501, in order to be eligible for funding (this includes most schools and nonprofit organizations).

States: All

Application Deadlines: September 30th- typically for spring and summer projects
February 28th- typically for fall and winter projects

<http://www.captainplanetfoundation.org>

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VERIZON FOUNDATION

Description: The purpose of this program is to increase literacy and educational success; avoid being an abuser or a victim of domestic violence; and achieve and sustain health and safety. Adult Literacy, At-Risk/Character, Disabilities, Family Services, General Education, Math, Reading, Science/Environment, Social Studies

Eligibility: Public School, Private/Charter School, Higher Education, Other

Award Amount: The average grant size range is between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Requirements: Verizon Foundation only accepts electronic proposals through its Apply Online process. Successfully submitted online proposals receive an electronic notice confirming receipt of the application via email. Please allow up to ninety (90) days for a final decision.

States: All

Application Opens: January 1st through October 14

<http://foundation.verizon.com/grant/guidelines.shtml>

CHARACTER EDUCATION GRANT

VERIZON FOUNDATION

Description: The purpose of this program is to increase literacy and educational success; avoid being an abuser or a victim of domestic violence; and achieve and sustain health and safety. Adult Literacy, At-Risk/Character, Disabilities, Family Services, General Education, Math, Reading, Science/Environment, Social Studies

Eligibility: Public School, Private/Charter School, Higher Education, Other

Award Amount: The average grant size range is between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Requirements: Verizon Foundation only accepts electronic proposals through its Apply Online process. Successfully submitted online proposals receive an electronic notice confirming receipt of the application via email. Please allow up to ninety (90) days for a final decision.

States: All

Application Opens: January 1st through October 16, 2011 11:59PM EST.

<http://foundation.verizon.com/grant/guidelines.shtml>

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

NEA LEARNING AND LEADERSHIP

Description: Our Learning & Leadership grants support public school teachers, public education support professionals. Decisions regarding the content of the professional growth activities must be based upon an assessment of student work undertaken with colleagues, and must be integrated into the institutional planning process. Grant funds may be used for fees, travel expenses, books, or other materials that enable applicants to learn subject matter, instructional approaches and skills. Recipients are expected to exercise professional leadership by sharing their new learning with their colleagues.

Eligibility: Applicants must be practicing U.S. public school teachers in grades PreK–12; or public school education support professionals. Preference will be given to members of the National Education Association. The NEA Foundation encourages grant applications from teachers with less than seven years of experience in the profession and education support professionals.

Award Amount: The grant amount is \$2,000 for individuals and \$5,000 for groups engaged in collegial study.

Requirements: All professional development must improve practice, curriculum and student achievement. Grants to individuals fund participation in high-quality professional development experiences, such as summer institutes or action research; or Grants to groups fund collegial study, including study groups, action research, lesson study, or mentoring experiences for faculty or staff new to an assignment.

State: All

Application Opens: Year-Round

<https://www.neafoundation.org/pages/educators/grant-programs/learning-and-leadership/>

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PAUL G. ALLEN FAMILY FOUNDATION'S EDUCATION AND YOUTH ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

Description: All children deserve the benefit of a high-quality education. Public education offers a pathway for children to grow up to be curious, inventive and productive. The Foundation seeks to improve opportunities for young people through the support and mentoring of teachers and administrators and the implementation of new models of education that improve learning outcomes for students of diverse backgrounds and abilities. To help young people achieve their potential, the Foundation supports organizations that do the following:

- Increase access to rigorous educational opportunities, with a particular emphasis on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM)
- Provide professional internship and/or mentorship programs for students
- Expand the pool of high-quality hands-on learning programs available to youth during out-of-school time hours
- Identify, develop and support new public-school teachers as they enter the profession
- Help administrators develop a supportive, engaged and effective learning community

Eligibility: Have current 501(c) (3) Public Charity status from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), be a government entity, or be an IRS-recognized tribe. It may not be a private foundation as defined in Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Award Amount: Dependent on the scope of the project

Requirements: Because our funding decisions are shaped by this process, we do not accept unsolicited proposals. If, after reviewing our program areas, you believe your organization is aligned with our giving, please utilize the contact information page to make your inquiry.

States: Serve populations of the Pacific Northwest states; Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, or Washington.

Application Opens: Year round

<http://www.pgafoundations.com/TemplateMain.aspx?contentId=19>

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DISASTER RELIEF

OFFICE DEPOT FOUNDATION

Description: The Foundation's funding focus includes:

- Making a Difference in Children's Lives – to support activities that serve, teach and inspire children, youth and families.
- Building Communities – to support civic organizations and activities that serve the needs of our community.
- Disaster Relief – to support disaster relief efforts of recognized national, regional and local agencies and to provide disaster relief to Office Depot associates who have experienced catastrophic loss.

Eligibility: K-12 School, Public Library

Award Amount: \$50 to \$3,000. The majority of grants issued are in the vicinity of \$1,000 and are supported by in-kind donations when inventory allows.

Requirements: The Foundation will give first consideration to applicants that:

- Submit proposals that represent collaborations between two or more organizations.
- Provide proof of disaster planning.
- Participate in the Office Depot Foundation Leadership Network and/or attend the annual Weekend in Boca Civil Society Leadership Symposium.
- Utilize the Office Depot Foundation Caring Connection to recruit volunteers or to track volunteer activities/hours.

States: All

Application Opens: The Office Depot Foundation will consider proposals from organizations related to disaster relief and recovery throughout the year.

<http://www.officedepotfoundation.org/funding.asp>

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DOLLAR GENERAL BEYOND WORDS DISASTER RELIEF FUND GRANT FOR SCHOOL LIBRARIES

Description: Dollar General, in collaboration with the American Library Association (ALA), the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) and the National Education Association (NEA), is sponsoring a school library disaster relief fund for public school libraries in the states served by Dollar General. The fund will provide grants to public schools whose school library program has been affected by a disaster.

Eligibility: Must be a public school library - PreK-12.

Award Amount: Individual awards are for \$5,000 to \$15,000

Requirements: Must be located within 20 miles of a Dollar General store, distribution center or corporate office. And, must have lost its building or incurred substantial damage or hardship due to a natural disaster (tornado, earthquake, hurricane, flood, avalanche, mudslide), fire or an act recognized by the federal government as terrorism; or has absorbed a significant number (more than 10% enrollment) of displaced/evacuee students. The program is to satisfy the need to replace or supplement books, media and/or library equipment in the school library setting. And, it is expected that a certified school librarian at the campus, district or regional level will be involved in the selection of materials/equipment to be purchased.

States: AL, AR, AZ, CO, DE, FL, GA, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MO, MS, NC, NE, NJ, NM, NY, OH, OK, PA, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT, WI, WV

Application Opens: Year-round

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/aasl/aaslawards/beyondwords/eligibility.cfm>

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LOWE'S CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Description: A special fund has been designated for parent group initiated improvement projects at public schools or school districts. Grants from \$5,000 to \$50,000 are available for a variety of school improvement projects at K-12 public schools such as, but not limited to, landscaping and grounds improvement, library or media center enhancement, science or specialty lab creation or upgrade, or parent education programs. All schools or districts applying for the Large Toolbox grant MUST apply online directly via the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation (LCEF) website.

Eligibility: The Foundation provides funding only to 501(c) (3) tax-exempt nonprofit organizations and public agencies in communities where Lowe's operates stores and distribution centers.

Award Amount: Grants generally range from \$5,000 to \$50,000.

Requirements: Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation requires that all applicants take an eligibility test. Organizations that pass will be considered, but not guaranteed a grant.

States: All

Application Opens: Year round

http://www.cybergrants.com/lowes/start_app.html

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FUNDRAISING GRANTS

RECYCLING FUNDRAISER

Description: The EcoPhones Fundraising Program assists schools in raising funds from recycling cell phones. EcoPhones will pay organizations up to \$100.00 for each used digital cell phone they turn in to recycle. No buying or selling is involved. A free marketing kit is provided by EcoPhones to launch school community cell phone recycling programs. After schools have collected a box of cell phones EcoPhones will pick them up at no cost and a check will arrive within 60-days after pickup.

Eligibility: All schools

Award Amount: Up to \$350 per item

Requirements: Download and customize free promotional materials. Download and print free tax deduction receipts for your donors. Working phones are phones that include their original battery, power up, possess an undamaged LCD screen, make a test call and are not cracked or otherwise damaged. Non-working phone models that appear on the list will be credited 20% of the corresponding working phone price. Working and non-working phones not included on our price list will be credited at competitive prices.

States: All

Application Opens: Year-round

<http://www.ecophones.com/>

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HUMANE EDUCATION GRANTS

HUMANE EDUCATION MINI-GRANT FOR TEACHERS

Description: We're now accepting applications for our new Humane Education Mini-Grant, designed to fund innovative humane education opportunities in K-12 classrooms. The purpose of the Mini-Grant is to provide funds for classroom teachers who lead innovative, standards based programs and curricula in humane education, specifically the teaching of kindness and respect for animals and their natural habitats.

Eligibility: Applicants must be K-12 certified teachers working at a public, private, or parochial school in the subject area of the project. Applicants must be U.S. residents.

Award Amount: A maximum of \$1,000 will be awarded to finance each classroom project.

Requirements: The applications are judged according to a rubric which emphasizes humane education components, innovation, clarity of objectives and standards-based work, possible service-learning components, replication feasibility, evaluation methods and cost effectiveness. Applicants are encouraged to include as much detail about the above components as possible in their application.

States: All

Application Deadline: November 30

http://www.humanesociety.org/parents_educators/award/humane_education_mini_grant.html

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GRANTS FOR PROJECTS

LOWE'S TOOLBOX FOR EDUCATION SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Description: For more than 60 years, Lowe's has supported the communities we call home. At a time when schools and community groups are struggling to make ends meet, Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation recognizes that we must increase our focus on basic, one-time project needs. Again, this year, we challenge ourselves to seek ways to provide the tools that help our educators and parent groups through these challenging times efficiently and with the greatest impact. In 2011, basic needs will take priority. Please keep this focus in mind as you apply for a Toolbox for Education grant in the 2011-2012 academic year.

Eligibility: Any individual public K-12 school or nonprofit parent group associated with that public K-12 school. Parent groups that are applying (PTO, PTA, etc.) must have an independent EIN and official 501(c)(3) status from the IRS. If your group does not have 501(c)(3) status, please apply through your school. Preschools are not eligible.

Award Amount: Between \$2,000 and \$5,000 per school is available.

Requirements: In order to submit an application your school must be in our database. Click on the "apply now" button and by going through the first step of the application: Verifying Your Contact Information, you will be able to confirm this. It may take as long as 24 hours to have your school added before an application can be submitted. If you wait until the last day to submit an application, your school may not be added to the database in time to submit the application before the deadline. Only one application may be submitted per school for any given grant period.

States: All

Application Deadline: October 12. However, if 1500 applications are received before the application deadline, then the application process will close.

<http://www.toolboxforeducation.com/hta.html>

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KIDS IN NEED

Description: The purpose of the grants is to provide funds for classroom teachers who have innovative, meritorious ideas. Your project may qualify for funding if it makes creative use of common teaching aids, approaches the curriculum from an imaginative angle, or ties nontraditional concepts together for the purpose of illustrating commonalities. Innovation and merit account for 40% of the evaluation.

Eligibility: The applicant must be a K-12 certified teacher working at a public, private, charter, or parochial school in the subject of the project. Kids In Need does not fund pre-school projects.

Award Amount: The program is designed to be the sole funding agent for your project. Grant amounts will be between \$100 and \$500. In exceptional cases, a grant may be awarded in conjunction with funding from another source. If you are receiving additional funds for your project, you must declare it on the application. A budget must be included. No other materials should accompany the application.

Requirements: The Kids In Need program does not fund the purchase of pre-packaged lesson plans. The grant will, however, fund the purchase of written materials or software to be used in the activities of the project. Do not request funds to purchase classroom or library book collections. If the students need books to participate in the project, the books must become the property of the students.

States: All

Application Opens: July 15 – September 30

<http://www.kinf.org/grants/guidelines.php>

GRANT PROPOSAL IDEAS

GRANT WRITING ASSISTANCE:

To assist you in applying for as many grants as possible, consider reaching out to parents who have proposal writing experience.

PARENTAL OR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

For grants that require community involvement consider designing a parent resource center that could consist of books, cassettes and videos that parents could utilize to assist them in becoming more involved in and promoting their child's literacy. These resources could also be utilized by the LMS for training parents.

An adult library that consists of books, cassettes, videos, digital cameras and computers could assist parents in becoming more technologically confident and more involved in and

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knowledgeable about their child's technological literacy.

Extended hours could impact the community's education and literacy levels, through access to online courses at colleges and universities, GED programs and access to word processing software to prepare resumes and other employment-related activities.

Extended hours could offer parents and interested community members after-school sessions offering basic research tips and strategies. You could teach parents how they can help their children with research skills and foster an open, positive relationship between family, school and the community at large.

Take-home "Read at Home" backpacks that require parent involvement.

Family Reading Night - Invite someone special, like the Mayor to read a book to the students and their siblings, and then invite parents and students back to their grade area where they read for 20 minutes to each other. To conclude the evening, everyone enjoys snacks in the media center.

WORK WITH AN OUTSIDE ORGANIZATION:

For grant requirements that state a preference will be given to schools that work with outside organizations, consider a partnership with the local public library to collaborate on after school and summer programs. Develop a combined list of books that could be used for a Summer Reading Program. A partnership with the public library could provide additional opportunities for collaboration and training with teachers; resource sharing; and access to the library beyond school hours for students, teachers and parents.

Another idea is reading and mentoring activities with community partners such as the Police Dept., Fire Dept., or the Lions Club.

A unique intergenerational collaboration could be with the local rehabilitation center or nursing home where students would read to retired senior citizens.

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GRANT WRITING RESOURCES

SCHOOLGRANTS.ORG

<http://www.k12grants.org>

HOW TO WRITE GRANTS: THE BEST KEPT SECRET IN THE SCHOOL BUSINESS

<http://thejournal.com/articles/2004/05/01/how-to-write-grants-the-best-kept-secret-in-the-school-business.aspx>

WHAT DO WINNING PROPOSALS HAVE IN COMMON?

<http://www2.scholastic.com/browse/article.jsp?id=4173>

10 GREAT WAYS TO GET A GRANT - EXPERTS REVEAL THEIR TOP 10 SECRETS ABOUT WRITING GRANT PROPOSALS THAT DEMAND ATTENTION AND GET FUNDING.

<http://www2.scholastic.com/browse/article.jsp?id=83>

A GUIDE TO PROPOSAL WRITING

<http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/1998/nsf9891/nsf9891.htm>

GRANT PROPOSAL WRITING TIPS

<http://www.cpb.org/grants/grantwriting.html>

A SITE DEVOTED TO PROVIDING FREE RESOURCES FOR BOTH ADVANCED GRANT WRITING CONSULTANTS AND INEXPERIENCED NONPROFIT STAFF.

<http://www.grantproposal.com/>

HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR SCORE WHEN SUBMITTING A GRANT PROPOSAL

http://www.uvm.edu/~ospuvvm/?Page=Proposal_Submission/DHememwayImproveScore.htm